

to cross the Alps and ri'volutioni/.*' Pii'luiont. Th«Tr, having recruited his army ami joinrd tin* Neapolitans in Milan, lit* was to proclaim tin* ind^pewlt'iu'e of Italy, unitr tin* whoh* ronntry under a single chief, and th«*n man-It at tin* brad of 1<H>,IMH) men on Vienna, by tltit* Julian Alps, an-o.xs whirh virtory ha,d conducted him in 17117. This was m»i all : iwwrrrous fluissarios scattered through inland and Hungary wriv to fomrnt discord and raise the cry of liberty ami imi«'pt*n«it»wt'f to alarm Kns.sia-and Austria. It must he rintIWised it would hav<>» br«*n an ex-trtwrdinary 8perta<-le to see Napoleon giving liberty to Kurojn* in revenge for not having Hieereded in enslaving her.

By means of these bold uiantnmvs and vast eonibinaiiouH Napoleon ralrulated that h«* ivoiild have the advantage «»f the* initiative in military operations. l*i»rhapH his genius was iit»ver more fully de.velcijH*d than in this va«t conreptioit. Aeaurdiig to this plan he was to extfiul his operations OV«T a line of f»flC) loaguen, from CKstend to Vienna, by the Alps and Italy, to provide himself with immettHi! resources of «-vi*ry kind, to previ'it the "Emperor of Austria from mareihtg his troops against France, and probably free Iiim to tt*nniiiatt* a war from whirh the hereditary J)rovinn»s \voiuhl hav^fx^lusivi'ly suiTi»ri«il. Siieh wan the bright propped, whieh pr*wtttt*«! it,si»If to NaIH»buin wli«»n he stepped on boanl the v«»sH<^l whirh was t«* i»t»nvi*y him from Klba to Fnin<*e» Hut the itia.it {trecipitatioii «if Murat put Europe on the alert, and the brilitiutt illunion vitnislied. lik«« a (ircnun.¹

¹ " The f«*ttivn!K and ottt«rtaitiu>0titii at tltt» l"«nrf «f Nf»ifi«*» iif tin* lit^in* 11 ing of 1H15 ww« tnon* Ht>it*tuitt ittnit i«v«r. Inn itititf li«»»j gay, fir itir *tj« parent ftourity and rciifliianr« of Miimt tliil n«»t Miitti<*it*tiily *«*MC«»»! Mn real nnc.i«iH»H8, nor did th^ ilitw «»f rr»i«c?t tm f iIP fturt i*f ili«« Tifrigit aiiil«i»i« dont prevent WM»pl« frun stwinjc tJnit lli«*»> f«»lt wi iivr.rpl*ti t« tils ruiiltititig <m the tftntio. To llni nurprlsiti <i| ifv<<ry>»tily not In tlw ii«*«r«*l .1.1 < wrlitii r«iti,isi«i»*l his warlike preparation*. Thu iietivitv in liti interior i»f lln iwiin* htan^iHud everyday; etmrri-re Wi*ri^i>fit1ii«illyfl»i»i»i«ieil,i«iifl th«»» airrvitl utitl ilr»nr- taw» of foroiguoni wan mom and itwm frf»fii«Mtt» Aft«-r mnw*«- chiyi of ftKtrm»r* dinary agitation at Court th« ni*wii arrlvi«tl tlini tint Ktit| wri»r Naj^Ifon, having einbarknl on t)Ht*J!th of Ktbnmry nt l*orto-Kfr*ji* with ifjtm>»>)«Ut<r*» waa sailing for France. Thi* m««Mf*itgt«r'who Itrnttgilil lli» t«» Murat, to whom the whole plot wim wi*ll known tiri*vi<»u*riy, »rrlv«il In Nit»k» «n ilin evening of tltit4tit of March, whil« tin* Ki««wp* iim««i«iKtlni»iif lit itw private apartment* of his wife, wlt«fecmly a f«*w rinlit«*r«, iiiiiaiew, mill fonAgYt ambassadors, w«re prmtent. Thu King ami t)iir«ti itmt*ntly rfiirw! »Itii! to another room, wh«no« in » few minuti«i iliy

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